

Deer's Store  
Claibourne, Ala.

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HISTORICAL DATA:

Built about 1831.

Ownership:

It is not known who built or owned the building originally.

William Deer now owns and operates this store.

United States Post Office:

This building is said to have been erected before 1830, though this is doubtful. It has been the United States Post Office ever since the erection.

Claiborne:

This town was named for General Claiborne, of fame during the War of 1812. Alabama at that time was a part of Mississippi Territory, and General Claiborne was in charge of the Mississippi troops that came to the aid of the people of Alabama during the Creek uprisings, 1814.

After the War Between the States, the town of Claiborne gradually disintegrated. For many years it had only one store (this building). Today this building and the old Dellett Mansion, erected in 1835, are the only ones of the century old buildings left there.

Source of Material:

Peter A. Brannon, Curator of the Department of Archives and History, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Brannon talked to the old inhabitants.

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ARCHITECTURAL MERIT AND DATA:

This store was not selected on account of its architectural merit but on account of its historical value, dating back to stage coach days. The mass of the building is very good, and the few moldings used do reflect the Greek influence of the time.

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